

## CLAIMS

1. A method for communicating short messages comprising:  
forwarding an electronic message to a first communications device, the forwarding in response to at least an indication of unsuccessful delivery of a short message to a destination communications device.
2. The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the first communications device is incompatible with short message service (SMS).
3. The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the forwarding is enabled from the destination communications device.
4. The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the forwarding is enabled from the first communications device.
5. The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the forwarding is enabled from a web browser.
6. The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the electronic message is based at least in part on the short message.
7. The method, as recited in claim 6, further comprising:  
formatting the electronic message as a message having a format compatible with the first communications device.
8. The method, as recited in claim 7, wherein the first communications device is the destination communications device.
9. The method, as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
removing the short message from a short message queue.
10. The method, as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
associating the first communications device with the destination communications device.

11. The method, as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving the short message; and  
attempting to send the short message to the destination communications device.
12. A system for communicating short messages comprising:  
a short message management facility that communicates an electronic message to a  
first communications device in response to an indicator of an unsuccessful  
delivery of the short message to a destination communications device.
13. The system, as recited in claim 12, further comprising:  
a destination communications device for receiving at least one short message from  
the short message management facility.
14. The system, as recited in claim 12, further comprising:  
a first communications device for receiving at least one electronic message from the  
short message management facility.
15. The system, as recited in claim 12, further comprising:  
a first store including at least one entry corresponding to the destination  
communications device.
16. The system, as recited in claim 15, wherein the entry includes an association to  
the first communications device.
17. The system, as recited in claim 12, wherein the electronic message is based at  
least in part on a short message and a destination address associated with the short  
message.
18. The system, as recited in claim 17, wherein the entry includes information for  
formatting the electronic message.
19. The system, as recited in claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the first store  
resides on a first server.
20. The system, as recited in claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the short  
message management facility resides on a short message service center.

21. The system, as recited in claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the short message management facility resides on a first server.

22. A computer program product encoded in one or more computer readable media selected from the set of disk, tape, or other magnetic, optical, or electronic storage medium, the computer program product executable including instructions for forwarding an electronic message to a first communications device, the forwarding in response to at least an indicator of unsuccessful delivery of the short message to a destination communications device.

23. The computer program product, as recited in claim 22, the computer program product including instructions for formatting the electronic message compatible with the first communications device.

24. The computer program product executable, as recited in claim 22, the computer program product executable including instructions for removing the short message from a short message queue.

25. An apparatus for communicating short messages comprising:  
means for forwarding an electronic message to a first communications device, the forwarding in response to at least an indicator of unsuccessful delivery of a short message to a destination communications device; and  
means for enabling the means for forwarding.

26. The apparatus, as recited in claim 25, further comprising:  
means for formatting the electronic message as a message having a format compatible with the first communications device.